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REPLY TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The present paper is filed as a complete response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003, in which a one-month period was provided for response. Accordingly, Applicants' Reply is timely filed. Applicants request entry of this Reply and Amendment, and consideration of the references cited in the Supplemental IDS.

✓ AMENDMENTS

√ Please cancel claims 16-27.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-7 are pending in the present application. Claims 16-27 are canceled herein. Applicants are simultaneously filing a divisional application drawn to claims 16-27.

A Supplemental IDS is filed with this Reply, to cite references which have been cited in the parent application. Copies of the references are not provided, since these references are of record in the parent application.

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action, the Examiner applied an election requirement between nine allegedly distinct embodiments, represented by Figs. 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15 and 19. Applicants respectfully note that there is no Fig. 19 in the application, so presume that the Examiner intended to refer to Fig. 18.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect the species of Embodiment 9, associated with Fig. 18 (19 in the Office Action), for initial consideration upon the merits.

Claims 1-7 are readable upon the elected species.

Claim 1 is considered to be generic to all of the species.

In the event issues arise as a result of the filing of this paper, or remain in the prosecution of this application, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance of the application. Should a Petition for Extension of Time be necessary for the present Reply to the outstanding Office action to

be timely filed (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary) petition therefor is hereby made and, if any additional fees are required for the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account #18-0988, Docket No. YAMAPO347USD.

Respectfully submitted,

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